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PROPAGATION: Jul 5, High Normal; Jul 6, Below Normal; Jul 7, High Normal; Jul 8, Low Normal; Jul 9, 10, High Normal; Jul 11, High/Above Normal; Jul 12-14, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Flux (83)	Flux (84)	Date	Flux ----1985----	A	K
221	149	204	133	103	6/21	69	11	2
251	161	206	139	98	6/22	69	12	3
244	161	181	144	101	6/23	70	11	2
244	169	163	145	102	6/24	69	6	2
231	178	156	139	100	6/25	69	11	3
219	188	138	137	101	6/26	68	15	3
206	187	123	144	97	6/27	70	14	3

•DL7FT/SV/A appeared on 20 CW Friday, Jun 27, claiming to have verbal permission to operate from Mt. Athos, but we have no further information.

•S92LB is the former CR5LB (and S9RLB), and he's in the Callbook. DXCC credit should be OK. The address is Luis Soares Beirad, Box 147, Sao Tome.

•WH6O not only came on /KH4 Midway as promised but also went to Kure and was worked by a few from there. He turned up on the 14.309 net and only on 20 SSB, as far as we know.

•KA4JRY/TT8 has appeared from Chad; he's in the States on vacation now until the end of July, but will be back and forth to Chad for a year. The Kansas City DX Club reportedly has word that N7DF will be assigned to the U.S. embassy in Chad for 90 days sometime soon, and hopes to operate from there. He's reportedly also looking at radio possibilities in the Sudan and South Sudan.

•Regarding Thailand, W6YY writes that although the minister of communications there lifted the ban on amateur radio back in January, the Thai PTT has decided to withhold this authority pending examination of all would-be amateurs. Amateur radio has always been in a sort of twilight zone there, with the radio club in charge of issuing callsigns. Club members are afraid that after the examinations, which are expected to begin soon, new callsigns will be issued.

The RSGB News Sheet reports that the UNICEF ham club of Japan will sign HSOIYY July 26-29, and QSLs will be via JA8ATG.

•George Wagner will be K5KG/VS6 July 7-16, including the IARU Radiosport Contest July 13 and 14. He will work both CW and SSB during the contest. At his sunrise (2150Z) and sunset (1108Z) he will be on 3505, 7005, 3795, and 7085. In addition, he has schedules with HZ1AB on July 13 and 14 as follows: 28.010 (1000Z), 21.010 (1030Z), 14.010 (1800Z), 7005 (1600Z), and 3505 (2100Z).

•ARRL now accepts all QSLs from 5X5BD and 5X5UR for operations this past spring, plus QSLs from 5X5GK for contacts dated on or after August 28, 1984.

•KC6JC aims for an operation from the Western Carolines (he's stationed on the Eastern Carolines) July 30 to Aug 21. Problem is, he says he will have very little time for radio, will have only a poor antenna. Look for him probably only on 3806.

However, this could be affected by the assasination of Palauan president Haruo I. Remeliik, on June 30. Palau, part of the Western Carolines U.S. trust territories, is in the process of claiming independence but is experiencing considerable political turmoil.

The problem is that the Paluans required, as part of the separation agreement, that their island would be free of nuclear material and weapons. The U.S. refuses to agree to those terms.

•CEOAA QSLs are still a sore spot...many cards are coming back through QSL bureaus, in answer to requests which were accompanied by money or IRCs, and the speculation is that the envelopes were opened and the money removed in Chile, then forwarded to the Radio Club. The only known sure-fire method of getting your card back quickly is to send to CE3ESS, registered mail.

•T31AT was originally scheduled to be active only until about July 7, but ARRL's bulletin last week said he will be there until July 30. He likes the net gathering on 14.309 around 0400Z, and from there can be talked into going to 40 Meters. No CW, apparntly. QSLs to G4GED.

•Stations in Massachusetts worked 3H8C on Jun 29, around 0000Z on 7001; said QSL to Box 148, Cheugdu, China. The operator reported that a number of special callsigns are expected momentarily, including BA0A, 3H0P, XS2PC, XS2WC, and 3H8C.

BY0AA, from Xinjuan Uygur, is in CQ Zone 23, as is BT0MNM, which is a base camp of the Japanese-Chinese joint mountain climbers expedition to Namunani Peak. JH1KRC says that the Japanese team has climbers from Kyoto and Doshisha Universities. One member of the Chinese team is a radio operator who speaks fluent Japanese.

Both stations have been reported on 20 Meters 1400-1500Z, around 14.005 and 14.190.

Finally, two more Japanese operations from China were to have taken place...BT1HHL from Beijing Jun 13-16 (QSL JR1HHL), and BT4RJU from Shanghai Jun 16-18 (QSL JA1RJU).

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•Jim Smith, P29JS/VK9NS reports there is a "very good possibility" that there will be another scientific team visiting Heard Island this summer (that means like next January of February). One reason for the visit would be to tend to the weather station which Smith's group, the H.I.DX. A., put there in 1983.

Another reason for the visit would be that Heard's volcano, Big Ben, has been active this year, with passing ships and also the French on Kerguelen reporting sightings. Smith is interested in a return to Heard Island, but is still financially strapped from the expedition two years ago.

•QRZ DX says W6DMJ will accompany K8CRM to Johnston for a five day operation beginning either July 21 or 25.

•First word on the Southeastern DX Club's DXPO to be held Sept 27-20: featured DXers will be W6OAT of the Clipperton operation last spring, Carl and Martha Henson, with the first showing of slides of their 3C1 Equatorial Guinea operation, and ON4UN of 80 Meter fame. Further information can be had from the Club, via Grover Meinert, KC4BX, 720 Starlight Lane NE, Atlanta GA 30342.

•Several of our Japanese readers have noted they still need a contact with 4U1UN on Manhattan Island. One of them asks why the station is so weak, compared with other stations in the area. Back on June 16, several visiting Japanese operated the station during the All Asian Phone Contest, but the operation was not very productive. The inexperienced operator, frustrated with the contest QRM and his own weak signal from 4U1UN, moved around instead of staying on one frequency. He called the JA's with big signals, i.e., the ones who undoubtedly have worked 4U1UN already.

Another depressing thing about looking at the Survey sheets as they come in is the number of JA's who missed Malpelo back in October, 1983, and the Europeans who still need Clipperton and Revillagigedo.

There is still time not only to return your filled-out Survey sheet, but also to try your hand at predicting the Top 20 for 1985. We plan to tabulate the results in about two weeks.

•CORRECTONS: the editor of Canada's Long Skip is VE3XN, ex-VE3GCO. And the problem reported in the newsletter of the YCCC (Yankee Clipper Contest Club) is that key clicks are generated by the TS930 when using Fox Tango CW filters (not SSB filters).

Two recent happenings have brought an avalanche of mail regarding DXCC and the Honor Roll, in particular.

First was the death of Don Wallace, W6AM, and second was the article in July CQ Magazine about W6ODD's operations in the late 1940's.

The controversy is about what DX'er has "them all"; indeed, about the definition of "them all." The problem is related to the one we have wrestled with about our band-countries listings, which we hope to make a permanent, occasional column in TDXB.

In our band countries listings, the hangup is current DXCC countries only vs. all-time countries, including the many which are now deleted from the DXCC list.

In the case of the Honor Roll, the groundrules would seem to be obvious; virtually hundreds of DXers have all 315 current countries, so it is necessary to talk about all-time, to reduce the field of contenders.

But there is still disagreement. For example...many of us know at least one DXer who claims to have worked "them all," or nearly so, but has never bothered to apply for DXCC or to participate in the Honor Roll chase.

W1FH claims to have them all, i.e., to have worked and confirmed all 367 DXCC countries which have existed since World War 2. He dropped out of DXCC and had his callsign removed from the Honor Roll in 1966, in protest over the ARRL vs. Don Miller, W9WNV affair.

And he was not alone.

Occasionally, a package of QSLs will arrive at the DXCC Desk, from someone who has never applied for DXCC, and that someone will have enough pasteboards to put him or her instantly on the Honor Roll.

Finally, there are several DXCC participants with enough credits to be on the Honor Roll, perhaps even at the top, who have asked that their callsign not appear in QST. Only the DXCC Desk knows who they are and where they would stand in the listings.

W1WY, writing in August CQ Magazine, notes the passing of W6AM, and mentions that at the time of his death Don was working to have the Guiness Book of Records list him as holding the "record for the most countries contacted by an amateur radio station." To those who see W6AM listed at 366 and W1GKK at 367, this will be difficult to comprehend.

Don may have been including countries before World War 2 as well as after.

July CQ's article on W6ODD quotes him (W6ODD) as saying the only New England station worked from W6ODD/CR8, Diu Island, was W1FH, and also that W6AM failed to work him. In this case, India annexed Diu Island almost immediately thereafter, and the country was deleted, so W6AM could not catch up.

Those who have questioned the top spot ask how W1GKK could have had credit...the answer is that he had worked Diu before the W6ODD/CR8 operation, and before it was put on the DXCC list. But, in those days, a contact before the country was on the list counted. Such is not the case today.

As it turns out, W1GKK many years later submitted his Diu QSL for credit, and got it.

You can track this...in the October, 1981 Honor Roll, W1GKK stood at 317 out of 318, with 365 all-time. A year later, he was listed at 318 and 367, after he submitted his W6ODD/CR8 Diu QSL, plus the card from one current country he had been missing the year before.

So the struggle for the top really comes down to who has all 367. There may be old timers hiding in the wings who have. W1FH may have, although the DXCC Desk has not seen the cards.

Isn't it fascinating to think that someone may be lurking with all the cards (367)? We think we know a W1 now living in the south who might fit that description. But anyone who has held out for decades is probably unlikely to come forward now with the application.

Isn't it time this matter was settled? It would be great to see another amateur radio record in the Guiness book, in addition to the recent entry for KV4AA.

We in the DX community will probably be called on to decide the criteria for this entry, and it's time to think about who the final arbitor will be.

G3SZA 1839 0250 25 MA
LU5WP 1832 0420 15 MA
LU8DPM 1839 0250 25 MA
LU9FFA 1838 0218 28 MA
VP8AJ 1838 0220 28 MA

9G1HT 3799 0045 22 MA
J28EI 3506 0145 22 MA
L6LPT 3792 0330 22 MA
LX1BR 3792 0320 22 MA
TR8IG 3878 0115 22 MA
UP2BR 3516 0131 23 MA

3B9CD 7003 0241 18 MD
CE0ZIG 7010 0300 21 MA
CO6ER 7004 1103 22 FL
FR4ZD 7015 0320 21 MA
HK1APN 7006 1016 22 GA
HP1XKR 7004 1102 22 FL
KX6DS 70090921 15 MN
LU8DQ 7008 1017 22 GA
T31AT 7070 0700 25 MA
UF7ZWA 7001 0000 25 MA
VI2PS 7002 1052 22 FL

CE3ZW 21038 2121 21 FL
ZC4MR 21262 2341 12 JA
ZP5RG 21292 2205 20 MA

KEY TO BANDPASS:
Callsign;
Frequency;
UTC;
day of month;
state.

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(24 hours).

3B9CD 14199 0344 18 IL
3D2ER 14032 0600 12 IL
4S/ON4OS 14189 0230 21 MA
4S7CF 14154 0200 20 MA
4S7EA 14227 1515 18 MA
4U1ITU 14198 2245 20 AL
5V7HL 14220 2105 19 MA
7X2FL 14195 0156 20 MN
7X2MB 14029 2300 23 MA
8P6AK 14023 2156 24 FL
9H4B 14226 2020 25 IL
9M2SS 14211 1311 14 IL
9M6MO 14211 1304 14 IL
9M8EN 14315 1213 16 IL
9Q5/WA9PCI 14260 2236 14 IL
9V1TL 14028 1148 14 MN
9V1TL 14287 1232 15 IL
A4XKB 14224 2206 16 MD
A4XYX 14231 0316 20 IL
A71AU 14196 0300 18 MA
A92P 14226 0255 18 MD
AH2G 14027 1247 19 AL
AH2G 14029 1143 22 FL
AP2SQ 14207 0120 19 MA
BV2B 14025 1414 16 MN
BY1QH 14025 1150 14 MA
BY1QH 14025 1149 16 MN
BY1QH 14224 1405 15 MN
C21BD 14203 1320 21 MA
C21DX 14042 0514 13 IL
CO0FFD 14001 2327 20 FL
CO2FR 14012 2252 24 FL
CT2EC 14018 2326 21 FL
DU1/G4DUW 14022 1237 22 FL
DU1DBT 14180 1029 18 MN
DU1MEL 14162 1217 21 AL
DU2/KF6ME 14036 1204 22 FL
DU7/N0JN 14019 1240 19 AL
DV1/K1BAZ 14012 1200 18 AL
DV1TV 14029 1128 22 FL
EA6DI 14053 2148 24 FL
EA8AGF 14007 1201 24 AL
EA9JV 14211 0331 18 MN
EA9JV 14212 0251 18 MD
FK8EJ 14020 2005 19 MA
FK8FF 14227 0550 19 MA
FK8FF 14246 0610 25 MA
FM4CT 14012 2242 20 FL
FO0ASJ 14205 0223 26 MA
FO0FB 14187 0520 25 MA
FO0FB 14227 0232 27 MA
FO8BI 14026 0710 25 MA
FP5CW 14030 2246 20FL
FR4ZD 14194 0333 12 IL
FT8XA 14156 0845 14 IL
FT8XB 14186 1140 19 AL
HB0/OE1GAS 14007 1009 26 MA
HI8LGS 14053 2149 24 FL
HL1CG 14034 1203 22 FL
HL1CG 14031 2120 18 MA
HV3SJ 14243 2236 15 IL
HZ1HZ 14009 2237 20 FL
J88AQ 14195 1321 22 AL
JW5NM 141750006 17 IL
JW5VAA 14026 1229 18 AL
JY9CL 14172 0222 20 MA
JY9WR 14028 145 14 MA
KH2/KS0C 14026 0533 20 IL
KH2K 14007 1108 21 MA
KH4/WH6O 14309 0348 18 MN
KH4/WH6O 14266 0253 17 IL
KL7JDI 14272 1343 23 MA
KX6DS 14218 0600 25 MA
KX6DS 14218 0640 19 MA
OD5NP 14220 0145 17 MD
OD5PA 14153 1916 23 MA
OX3GH 14196 1610 19 MA
OX3OA 14035 2120 23 MA
OX3OA 14034 2050 24 MA
OX3UD 14041 0120 20 FL
OX5BE 14267 0234 20 IL
P29LB 14195 1141 19 MN
S92LB 14176 2130 12 DL
S92LB 14185 2100 6 JA
S92LB 14185 2100 23 JA
S92LB 14193 2100 5 JA
S92LB 14190 2130 7 JA
SV0DH/5 14208 0050 26 MA
SV0DH/5 14206 2005 24 MA
SV0DH/5 14186 2150 24 MA
SV0DH/5 14195 0141 21 MA
T30AC 14309 0412 20 MN
T31AT 14010 0145 26 TX
T31AT 14011 0202 26 MA
T31AT 14172 0344 19 MN
T31AT 14254 0545 25 MA
T31AT 14320 0410 20 MN
T32AB 14190 0310 22 MA
TA1A 14005 2230 19 MA
TA1A 14029 2319 20 FL
TA1E 14224 2115 17 MA
TA1E 14236 0048 16 IL
TF3KG 14020 0037 19 FL
TF5EP 14192 0950 20 MA
TI4CUR 14030 2305 20 FL
TI8ZWW 14043 2246 24 FL
TR8LC 14019 0049 20 FL
TT8/G3KQL 14218 2117 16 MD
TT8/G3KQL 14225 2224 14 IL
TT8/KA4JRY 14228 1920 25 MA
UA0YO 14004 0159 19 FL
UA2FFQ 14031 2316 18 AL
UH8EA 14182 0218 25 MA
UI8LA 14037 0251 20 IL
UI8ZAA 14146 0203 20 MA
UI8ZAA 14195 0135 20 MA
UJ8JCQ 14176 0110 19 MA
UK8JKA 14037 0232 20 IL
UL7CAC 14049 0211 19 FL
UL7LBS 14008 0041 19 FL
UL8CWJ 14024 2305 24 FL
UL8GWB 14036 0048 19 FL
UL8GWB 14026 2314 18 AL
UL8PWS 14043 0122 20 FL
UM8MBA 14022 0143 24 FL
UM8QB 14007 0152 19 FL
V44KT 14218 1126 21 AL
VE8GD 14015 2323 20 FL
VE8RCS 14182 0955 24 MA
VI8HA 14007 1129 21 MA
VK9NL 14031 0545 19 MA
VR6JR 14219 0110 22 MA
VS6DT 14026 1220 13 MA
VS6JH 14017 1230 13 MA
VU2DZ 14246 0223 20 IL
VU2GI 14242 0140 19 MA
VU2ISV 14176 0152 20 MA
VU2JDQ 14025 0103 24 FL
VU2UGI 14242 0115 19 MA
XT2BR 14006 1125 20 AL
YB2BNJ 14039 1215 22 FL
YB2BNJ 14035 1300 19 MA
YI1BGD 14215 1200 20 MI
YJ8FB 14200 0615 25 MA
YN1CC 14026 0050 20 MA
ZC4MR 14227 2200 16 IL
ZC4MR 14271 1956 16 MI
ZC4WW 14014 0335 20 MA
ZC4WW 14010 0337 18 MN
ZC4WW 14013 0305 19 MN
ZC4WW 14014 0240 20 MN
ZK1CY 14028 0445 21 IL
ZL7PA 14309 0350 18 MN
ZL7PA 14309 0340 15 MN
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Five years ago in *The DX Bulletin*

(July 7, 1980): W4MGN began operations from Africa as 6W8JI. He was visiting various countries doing academic language research. K5YY was scheduled to begin an expedition in the Pacific, to spots including KS6, 5W1, FW, and ZK2. W6RZO was headed to Iraq and spots east, while W8LMB was slotted for a dozen African countries, but operating possibilities were slim.

K4YT was also headed for Africa. KV4FZ, in a long letter, ranted over the addition of Desecheo to the DXCC countries list. Finally, we had a report on the annual social gathering at the W6AM rhombic farm.

CALENDAR

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TDXB SURVEY	NOW! Please return promptly.
NEW BAND	24 MHz opened for U.S. Jun 22; I287
ALBANIA	OH2BH still working, nothing yet
CHINA	Many stations active, some special callsigns possible; Issues 287, 293
UGANDA	5X5GK good for DXCC; I293
MT ATHOS	DL7FT/SV/A appeared Jun 28; no info
HONG KONG	K5KG/VS6 Jul 7-16; I293
PITCAIRN	VR6JR now; 20 SSB only
CENT. KIRIBATI	T31AT could run to Jul 30; I292
ST MAARTEN	KB2HZ/PJ7 Jul 5-12
BURMA	OK2BKH there now; I292
WAKE	AH9AC now, need reports
ANNOBON	Rumors of a Jul operation; I292
CONTEST	IARU Radiosport Jul 13,14
CONVENTION	Northwest DX, sponsored by the British Columbia DX Club, Jul 26-28, Vancouver. Details I291
JOHNSTON	Rumored later this month; I293
MAURITANIA	5T5MS until July; no reports
SHUTTLE	W0ORE/space starts July 15
TRINDADE	By PY1SL rumored soon; I291
MIDWAY	By WH6O now; on and off through July, also occasionally WH6O/KH7 Kure
CHAD	G3KQL/TT8 on now; Issue 291 KA4JRY returns end of July
SAO TOME	S92LB on, I291, 293
WALLIS	FW8AF leaving soon; I291
TAHITI	FO0FB by WB6GFJ now; I291
N COOKS	ZK1XE by WB6GFJ early July
W CAROLINES	By KC6JC starts Jul 30; I293
PREFIX	GO/K0VV from England Jun 15-Jul 14
UGANDA	By KC7UU possible soon; I285
FRANZ JOSEF	UA1OT, UW3HY/1, and EO1AOK all active
ST BRANDON	Rumors of a 3B7CD operation soon by 3B8CD.
RODRIGUES	3B9CD was to leave about June 30
AGALEGA	3B8CF trying for early July; I291
S SHETLANDS	4K1F there on 40, 20 CW;
MOZAMBIQUE	C90A active, no DXCC credit; Issue 292
GUINEA-BISSAU	J5WAD active on 20 only
MACQUARIE	VK0GC likes 75 SSB at 1000Z; on 20, too
RHODES	K7VAY/SV5 now through Jul, CW
S GEORGIA	British operaton probably cancelled
KERMADEC	ZL7OY possible in October; I291
ANTARCTICA	FT8YY confirmed, Nov, NOT Kerguelen

QSL INFO

HELP NEEDED:

C9MCS (12/27/75) by K8GG;

VQ9AA/F (66), FP8DX (77), PY0KT (81), 3V8HL (70), and 5U7AL (68), all by K1VSJ;

TA2F (12/76, W8FR op), by W4VQ.

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